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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
EX	JP, 2001-68444, A (Mitsubishi Materials Silicon Corp.), 16 March, 2001 (16.03.01) (Family: none)	1-8, 18
A	EP, 864533, A2 (Shinetsu Handotai Co. Ltd.), 16 September, 1998 (16.09.98), Claims	9-15
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A	JP, 3-1537, A (Shin Etsu Handotai Co., Ltd.), 08 January, 1991 (08.01.91) (Family: none)	13-15
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V	<b>Designation of States</b>	
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	<b>EP: AT BE CH&amp;LI CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LU MC NL PT SE TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT</b>
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V-6	<b>Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations</b>	<b>NONE</b>
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